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REMARKS

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1. At about 4 a.m. on 14 February 1953, a shipment of 20 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 36 trucks which had left the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg on 9 February returned from Pritzwalk. Training on 57-mm, 76.2-mm and 100-mm AT guns was observed at the installation from 11 to 14 February. 1 SP guns were at the Altstadt railroad station for shipment from Ohrdruf to Kirchmoeser on 11 February. At 5 a.m. on 13 February, six tank cars arrived in Brandenburg. 2
2. The Schoenwalde Fliegerhorst barracks installation was occupied to capacity from 11 to 16 February. Motor vehicles were seen entering the installation. About 50 trucks and busses passed through Schoenwalde toward Falkensee on 11 a.m. on 16 February. 3
3. On 16 February, about 250 soldiers, 2 field kitchens, 2 repair cars, 2 x 122-mm guns, 3 x 76.2-mm field guns and 26 trucks with covered members were entrained on boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars at the Wildpark railroad station. The personnel and equipment came from either the Hohenlohe Kaserne or the Ludendorff Kaserne in Potsdam. 4
4. The Strassburg Kaserne and the Elener Kaserne in Grimma were almost vacant on and after 15 February. A camp of wooden buildings and tents quartering signal troops and motor transport units from Grimma and Wurzen, was observed in the area of Klosterholz (woods) south of Grimma.

1. Comment. Information on units of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) returning from Pritzwalk was previously submitted. The AT units had moved to the area southeast of Schwerin on 9 February to participate in field exercises of the Third Shock Army. The Flak Kaserne was apparently again occupied to capacity by units of the brigade since 14 February.

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- 25X1 2. [] Comment. Probably repaired SP guns which, []
 25X1 [] probably belong to the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. []
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- 25X1 3. [] Comment. Information on the occupation of the Schoenwalde
 Fliegerhorst installation was previously submitted by another
 source on 20 January 1953. [] The column
 which moved toward Falkensee and possibly belonged to one of the
 three troop units stationed in Schoenwalde, presumably went to
 field exercises which were observed in the area west of Berlin
 since 16 February. 25X1
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The units entrained probably were units of the
 unidentified gun artillery brigade (US) of the 34th Arty Div (US)
 which, according to transportation records, went to Altengrabow
 with shipment record No 61296 on 16 February, probably for short
 term firing practices.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. In mid-February, the 3th Gds Mecz Div probably
 conducted winter practices as did other units in East Germany.
 An unconfirmed report by another source indicated that, on
 14 February, elements of the 65th Mort Brig (US) of the 6th Arty
 Div on two trains went from Rathenow to Grima; they were possibly
 scheduled to participate in the field exercise of the 3th Gds
 Mecz Div.

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